created as part of the Department of Game and Inland Fish. The Commission shall consist of five citizens of this State, four of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, one from each of the four regional wildlife administrative areas of the State, and the remaining member may be appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, at large from a list of names submitted to him by interested organizations, including the Maryland Wildlife Federation, the Izaak Walton League and the Farm Bureau. No person shall be appointed to said Commission unless said person has been a resident of the State for a period of at least three years prior to said appointment; and said person shall be well-informed on the subject of wildlife conservation.

No person shall serve as a member of the Commission for a period in excess of two full consecutive terms, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a person's reappointment after the expiration of a two-year period.

- (b) The members of the Commission shall hold office for terms of five (5) years and shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, except that each commissioner shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred or made by him in the discharge of his official duties to be paid from the State Game Protection Fund within budget limitations.
- (c) Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any person so appointed as aforesaid, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The Secretary of Natural Resources may remove a Commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office.
- (d) The Commission shall hold meetings at the office in Annapolis in July and January and at such times and places within the State as the chairman or the Director may designate with every consideration being given to periodically meeting in the several geographic regions of the State. At the meeting held in July, the Commission shall elect one of its members as chairman, and one of its members as vice-chairman. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Provided, however, this subheading shall not change the status in any manner of the present members of said Commission except as otherwise provided herein.
- (e) The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish.
- (f) Except for the advisory function as provided for in this section, all other powers and duties exercised and performed by the Commission or its chairman pursuant to any provisions of law shall, from and after July 1, 1969, be exercised and performed by the Director.

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(a) The Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall appoint a Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish who shall receive such salary as shall be provided in the budget, and he shall be entitled to traveling expenses, and all other expenses incurred when away from home in the discharge of his duties; employees of the Department of Game and